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Today's Weather

It will continue hot and dusty, with southeasterly moderate winds. In Aqaba, it will be dusty with southerly light winds and choppy seas.

	Overnight		Daytime	
	Low	High	Low	High
Amman	16	32	16	32
Aqaba	25	40	25	40
Deserts	17	34	17	34
Jordan Valley	23	35	23	35

Wednesday's high temperatures: Amman 31, Aqaba 39. Sunset Thursday: 6:12 p.m. Sunrise Friday: 4:56 a.m. Sunset Friday: 6:13 p.m. Sunrise Saturday: 4:55

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Prince Mohammad to wed



AMMAN, April 22 (Petra) — The ceremony of the engagement of His Highness Prince Mohammad bin Fahd of Saudi Arabia to Miss Taghrid Al Majali, the daughter of the Prime Minister Hazza' Al Majali, took place this evening in the presence of His Majesty King Hussein, the Prime Minister, the Chief of the Hashemite Royal Court, the Chief Chamberlain, the Commander in Chief of the Armed Forces, the Chief of Qadi, Marshal Bahis Al Majali, Mr. 'Akef

Airport closed, port mortared Shells hammer Beirut; Sarkis fortifies palace

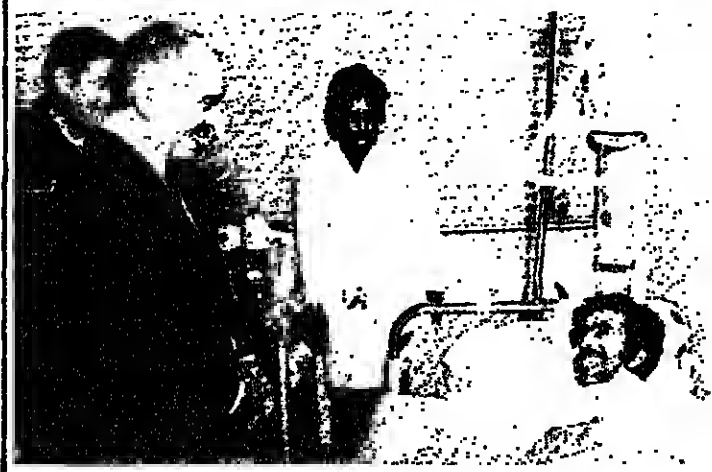
BEIRUT, April 22 (Agencies) — Beirut today and President Elias Sarkis reportedly fortified his suburban palace against bombardment. Syrian forces and Lebanon's right-wing militias battled with field guns, mortars and rockets for a third straight day in central Beirut today and President Elias Sarkis reportedly fortified his suburban palace against bombardment.

Israeli jets overflew the capital at midday, drawing barrages of anti-aircraft fire from Palestinian positions as Syrian and rightist positions locked in fresh duels across the mid-city "Green Line". Fighting between factions in West Beirut also broke out today, security sources reported. Several people were wounded as clashes flared between the Shiite Muslim militia Amal, which is supported by the Syrians, and the pro-Iraqi Baathists, they said. The clashes had started in a southern suburb last night. Thick black smoke rose from the port area after a mortar bomb hit a building. Forces in the Syrian-held 32-storey Murr Tower fired rockets into East Beirut as an apparent response to the attack, local residents said. Beirut Port Authority President Henri Pharaon said earlier today the harbour, closed since the start of the month because of the fighting, is now operating at 20 per cent of its normal capacity. He said that several ships, including a Soviet and a U.S. freighter, had entered the port in the past 24 hours and started unloading. Local residents said three ships could be seen in the port this morning. All vessels had put to sea when artillery duels erupted in Beirut on April 2. Concrete walls were being built to shield the glass fronts and windows of the presidential palace in Bar bda, eight kilometres east of Beirut, and its basements were being readied to serve as shelters, reporters covering the presidency said. They said 10 tons of concrete brick were being used to build the new fortifications. Zable residents reported by telephone that the eastern Lebanese city came under an intermittent day-long bombardment that forced the 150,000 inhabitants into underground wine cellars, basements and bomb shelters after a 13-day respite.

King receives Moheisen



AMMAN, April 22 (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein received at Al Hummar Palace this afternoon the Jordanian charge d'affaires in Lebanon, Mr. Hisham Al Moheisen, released last week after over two months in his abductors' hands. The King congratulated him on his safe return home and was reassured about Mr. Moheisen's health. Mr. Moheisen thanked King Hussein for his interest and praised the government's efforts to secure his release. The King Hussein also visited this evening Sgt. Muhammad Salim 'Arif Al Masa'id, below, wounded in last February's attack on the Jordanian embassy in Beirut. He is being treated at the King Hussein Medical Centre.



Senate, Israeli opposition cloud fate of AWACS sale

WASHINGTON, April 22 (Age) — Vehement opposition Israel and predictions of deferral key senators today cast a cloud over the Reagan administration's decision to sell planes to Saudi Arabia. An Aviv today expressed "profound regret, horror and unbridled opposition" over the decision, announced yesterday, to go ahead with the sale of five Advanced Warning and Control System (AWACS) planes. The sale is the approval of Congress, whose chances appear to be at best. The Israeli government statement of reaction charged: "The sale of sophisticated weaponry (Saudi Arabia) will undermine the peace process in the Middle East and create grave danger to the security of Israel." The Israeli foreign minister today, however, said he welcomed the decision to go ahead with the AWACS sale. In an interview with CBS News in Cairo, Foreign Minister Kamal Hassan Ali said he was pleased with the decision because "every country in the region has to be consolidated to face (foreign) intervention." But Israeli foreign ministry sources said the opposition to the sale voiced by some prominent members of the Senate and House of Representatives led them to hope that it might yet be averted. "It may be a period of time before we send it up there" (to Congress), White House spokesman Larry Speakes admitted to reporters yesterday. Responding to the Israeli criticism, Mr. Speakes said today that the United States is committed to the security of Israel and does not regard the arms deal as a threat to its security. One congressional source, who asked not to be identified, said the White House was stalling because a majority of the Senate opposes the sale, with 51 members ready to vote against it and 38 members planning to support it. Senate Republican leader Howard Baker Jr., who talked to Mr. Reagan by telephone shortly before the announcement, believes the president should not send the proposal to Congress until after the Israeli elections June 30 in hopes that opposition will have abated by that time, Senate sources say.

UNRWA fate a puzzle

By Lima Nabil Special to the Jordan Times AMMAN, April 22 — The fate of UNRWA teachers in Jordan and Syria was still up in the air late tonight as Mr. John Tanner, the director of the agency's services here, declined to give any statement on his recent trip to Vienna "as a courtesy to the (Jordanian) government." Mr. Tanner returned here today after a two-day visit to the Austrian capital for discussions with UNRWA Commissioner General Olof Rydbeck on the funding difficulties which the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees is having as a result of a chronic deficit in its budget. Mr. Tanner told the Jordan Times in a telephone interview today that he will be meeting government officials tomorrow morning. Following that meeting, he said, he will brief the executive committee of UNRWA employees in Jordan on the outcome of his Vienna trip. UNRWA teachers had expected that the agency would hand out dismissal notices today, but none have been received so far and teachers stayed on the job. They had threatened a general strike beginning today if the notices went out. Citing a budget deficit of \$27 million, UNRWA has said it will have to close its schools in Syria and Jordan unless it gets more money. Prime Minister Mudar Badran told the National Consultative Council this week that closing the schools in Jordan would affect about 127,000 students and leave nearly 4,000 teachers and other UNRWA employees jobless.

Holiday on May 2

AMMAN, April 22 (Petra) — All government departments and public institutions will be closed on Saturday, May 2 to mark Labour Day, a communique issued by the prime minister's office announced today. Labour Day actually falls on Friday, May 1, which is the official weekly holiday.

News of plane deal greets Mrs. Thatcher at start of Oman visit

MUSCAT, April 22 (R) — British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher arrived in Oman tonight from the United Arab Emirates, where she was told the government had decided to buy British Hawk trainer jets for its air force. British officials said Mrs. Thatcher would start talks with Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said tomorrow in Salalah, Oman's southern capital. A British spokesman said the prime minister was told of the UAE decision to buy Hawk planes by the deputy commander of the UAE armed forces, Sheikh Khalifa Ibn Zayed Al Nahayyan, at talks in Abu Dhabi this morning. The security of the Gulf area, which produces a quarter of the non-communist world's oil, was high on the agenda of Mrs. Thatcher's talks in Saudi Arabia and the UAE and she has stressed Britain's readiness to sell Gulf states the arms they need to defend themselves. The order for the Hawks shows the UAE clearly wants to take up the offer, which was also appreciated in Saudi Arabia. In Riyadh Saudi Defence Minister Prince Sultan said today he thanked Mrs. Thatcher for her offer and said the kingdom was always glad to cooperate with friendly countries on defence and industrial programmes. The British spokesman said talks would start within two weeks on details of the sale to the UAE of the Hawks, which cost \$6 million to \$8 million each and are Britain's newest jet trainer. In war they can be used on ground-attack missions. Mrs. Thatcher said in Riyadh she was hoping the Saudis would also buy the Hawk. British officials said Mrs. Thatcher and UAE president Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayyan had wide-ranging talks covering the Arab-Israeli conflict and the security of the Gulf. The officials said that in addition to arms sales Britain gave high priority to encouraging greater cooperation among Gulf states as a way of guaranteeing stability in the area. After talks in Abu Dhabi with Sheikh Zayed and Sheikh Khalifa, Mrs. Thatcher flew to Dubai and then to Oman. She is to end her Gulf tour in Qatar.

Israel talking tough on Lebanon, but analysts doubt it'll intervene

LONDON, April 22 (R) — Israel's role in the latest upsurge of violence in Lebanon is likely to stop short of direct military intervention, Middle East analysts said today.

The prospect of intervention has been heightened by a series of statements by Israeli leaders in support of Lebanon's Christian community and against Syria, whose forces occupy some two-thirds of the country. But the analysts said a number of factors, not least U.S. opposition to an escalation of the current conflict, were acting to restrain the government of Prime Minister Menachem Begin. The latest fighting is said by the Beirut press to be the worst since the 1975-76 civil war. It began three weeks ago when Syrian peacekeeping troops moved to dislodge right-wing militiamen from the strategic town of Zahle

which dominates the main Beirut-Damascus highway and the Bekaa Valley stretching south to the Israeli border. Analysts believe the right-wingers had the tacit backing of Israel to consolidate their hold on Zahle, which would be a key stronghold if the two ever sought to join in a pincer movement against Syrian and Palestinian forces in Lebanon. They point to persistent reports that Israeli Chief of Staff Rafael Eitan had a secret meeting with Mr. Bashir Gemayel, commander of the right-wing Falangist Party military as the fighting flared. But the rightists lost the Zahle campaign and the focus of clashes has now switched to Beirut, along the mid-city "Green Line" dividing the capital into opposing eastern and western sides. In the south of the country the Israelis and their right-wing allies in the border enclave controlled by renegade Lebanese army Maj. Saad Haddad are continuing to attack Palestinian positions and the commandos are responding with rocket fire against northern Israel. Israel has maintained constant pressure on the south since 1978 when it withdrew an invasion force that had occupied the region for three months. Hints of a new invasion have come from a number of Israeli leaders, including Mr. Moshe Arens, chairman of the Knesset's Defence and Foreign Affairs Committee. He said that if the Syrians continued with their attacks in Lebanon, Israel would have to stop them. The commander of Israel's northern command, Maj. Gen. Avigdor Ben-Gal, has said Israel should help the Lebanese Christians to take over complete control of their country. His statement was not challenged by Israel's civilian leadership, a factor which led the English-language Jerusalem Post to speculate that Mr. Begin's government was exploiting the Lebanon violence to increase its domestic standing in advance of general elections on June 30. "This silence will only reinforce suspicions... that some government leaders are intent on involving Israel in a fine little war in Lebanon on the eve of the Knesset election," the newspaper said. Middle East analysts who share the Post's suspicions say Mr. Begin's apparent strategy is not likely to succeed. They note that Mr. Begin's Likud bloc is trailing the opposition Labour Party in opinion polls and that voters were more likely to be influenced by domestic issues such as the economy, however much they might sympathise with Lebanon's rightist forces. The analysts said it also appeared to be dawdling on Mr. Gemayel's embattled Falangists that concrete Israeli support was not about to materialise and that the expressions of support were, at least in part, an electoral ploy. One Lebanese analyst commented: "The Falangists have come to realise the Israelis are playing a game. They've lost tactically and they feel that everyone, including the Israelis, has let them down." The Falangists were also said to be angry that Israel had revealed for the first time that it was supplying them with arms, a relationship which has long been an open secret in the Middle East. The analysts said such an admission was likely to strengthen the hand of the Syrians, who have maintained some 30,000 troops in Lebanon since the civil war. The Syrians, regarded by the rightists as an occupation force, are in Lebanon by the grace of the Arab League which foists the bill for the peacekeeping contingent. Analysts said there had been some doubt about the league renewing the force's mandate later this year. Now, however, the Syrians could argue their continued presence was necessary to counter the joint threat of Israel and its Falangist allies. The analysts said the major factor against a full-scale Israeli intervention was U.S. opposition to such a move, which might lead to a new Middle East war and superpower conflict in the region.

Iranian infantry repulsed

TEHRAN, April 22 (A.P.) — Iraq reported today its land and air forces repulsed an Iranian infantry advance supported by long-range artillery and helicopter gunships in the Sar-e-Pol-e-Zahab area in eastern Iran. A communique broadcast by Baghdad Radio tonight said Iraqi planes attacked Iranian troop concentrations twice today at Sar-e-Pol-e-Zahab, scoring direct hits and returning safely to base. The communique claimed 129 Iranian soldiers were killed and scores wounded in the fighting along the 500-kilometre-long frontlines. It said 27 Iranian troops were also captured and a helicopter gunship shot down. The communique conceded 16 Iraqi soldiers were killed in action the past 24 hours.

How does it feel to be shot? To Reagan, it's still 'unreal'

WASHINGTON, April 22 (A.P.) — President Ronald Reagan, decrying that the attempt on his life seems unreal, said today in a first interview since he was wounded that he continues to suffer from his injury. He said he hopes his assailant "get well, too." Reagan said he remains optimistic that he will be able to approve his budget and other proposals. He also said he is opposed to gun control. Reagan met at the White House with two reporters, but questions were limited to incidents surrounding the shooting. The president, wearing a blue suit, walked with a steady but slightly stiff gait as he entered the Map Room in the White House for the 19-minute interview. His cheeks were ruddy and his voice showed no effect of injury he received. "It still seems unreal," he said, asked about the attack outside the Washington Hilton Hotel March 30. "I realised there had been shots fired and that my first instinct was to take a look," he said. "I had a different idea."



Maj. Saad Haddad's rightist militia on parade in southern Lebanon: Israel's border allies pressuring the Palestinians (Gamma photo)



United Arab Emirates Prime Minister Sheikh Rashid escorts British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher upon her arrival Tuesday in the UAE (AP wirephoto)

BANKING SUPPLEMENT

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NATIONAL

Queen opens Islamic College show



AMMAN, April 22 (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor opened at the Islamic College in Amman today an exhibition of paintings, needlework and embroidery by the college's female students. Later, the Queen attended a variety show of folk dances and national songs performed by the girls.

Afterwards Queen Noor visited a book exhibition at the headquarters of the Friends of Children Society in Jabal Luweibdeh. The exhibition is being held to mark the occasion of National Children's Day.

Dr. Malhas meets chief of Palestine Red Crescent

AMMAN, April 22 (J.T.) — Health Minister Zubair Malhas headed a meeting today attended by the president of the Palestine Red Crescent Society, Dr. Fathi Arafat, and representatives of the medical sector in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The aim of the meeting was to draft a report on the deteriorating health conditions in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip, to be submitted to the World Health Organisation (WHO) at its next session, which will be held this May.

Dr. Malhas was quoted by Al Ra'i newspaper today as saying that the WHO meeting will also discuss the transfer of the organisation's regional office from Alexandria to Amman.

Jordan has expressed willingness to host the office following a unanimous decision by Arab health ministers on this issue, the minister said. Dr. Malhas will lead Jordan's four-member delegation to the WHO meeting.



Queen to open 'The Age of Shakespeare'

AMMAN, April 22 (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor will formally open the three-week "Age of Shakespeare" exhibition and cultural festival at the British Council tomorrow.

The festival, which includes displays of paintings, photographs and documents about and from the Elizabethan period, and concerts, plays and lectures, will open to the public on April 28, and run until May 14.

The Jordan Times incorrectly reported yesterday that the event would be opened by Mr. Geoffrey Shakespeare and his wife Vanda. The Shakespeares will be drawing lucky ticket numbers at the opening party tomorrow for a free trip to England.

Aqaba Spring Festival to start next Thursday

AMMAN, April 22 (J.T.) — Nearly 300 paintings by 150 Jordanian artists will appear in a week-long display, Spring Art Festival, beginning on April 30, according to Minister of Culture Youth Ma'an Abu Nowar.

He told Al Ra'i newspaper that the festival is aimed at high level work and skill of Jordanian artists.

The Ministry of Culture and Youth, which is organising the festival in cooperation with the Jordanian Artists' Association, has made necessary arrangements for facilitating the artists' visits to Jordan to work on their paintings, and to accommodate them in Aqaba, Mr. Abu Nowar said.

The ministry plans to hold another spring festival in Aqaba next year to display paintings and art works by artists of different states, he added.

He said Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline and the Jordanian Tourist Transport Company will run extra trips to Aqaba and prepared accommodation, for those wishing to see the exhibition.

Asfour explains the rise in price of local cement

AMMAN, April 22 (Petra) — Increases in the price of fuel warranted the government's decision to raise the price of cement. Minister of Industry and Trade Walid Asfour said today.

He pointed out that fuel costs constitute 20 per cent of the total

cost of producing cement. Jordan imports some 100,000 tonnes of cement annually. Local demand and the price of imported cement exceed locally produced cement both local and imported, are sold at the same price necessitating raising that local material, the minister said.

He expressed the hope that the government will be able to produce 100,000 tonnes of cement in three million tonnes a year, to meet present annual requirements.

The government yesterday announced that the price of cement will be JD 32 a tonne from an increase of JD 3.50 from the previous price. However, the price of cement will cost JD 30 from the cement plant in

Government should buy our tomatoes -- farmers

DEIR ALLA, April 22 — The Jordan Valley Farmers' Association (JVFA) has urged the government to buy its tomatoes. The government has announced that the price of tomatoes will be JD 32 a tonne from an increase of JD 3.50 from the previous price. However, the price of cement will cost JD 30 from the cement plant in

Nearly 30,000 dunams irrigated land in the Jordan valley are grown with tomatoes, expected to yield a fairly good crop in the coming season, Ghazzawi said.

He added that farmers are protesting that the government has not bought at least 65 for each kilo of tomatoes when purchasing from farmers through JVA.

Father dies after killing his daughter

AMMAN, April 22 (J.T.) — A 65-year-old man yesterday killed his daughter and then himself in a nervous breakdown.

The man, identified as a 21-year-old daughter, killing her because, according to the published by Al Ra'i newspaper, she had married against his wishes.

The man collapsed during interrogation at a police station in Amman and was rushed to Bashir Hospital, where he pronounced dead upon arrival.

Turkey to help in restoration of Aqaba Citadel

AMMAN, April (J.T.) — Turkish government will participate in restoration work of Aqaba Citadel in cooperation with the Department of Antiquities, a department spokesman said today.

He said that the Turkish ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Adem, has informed the Department of his government's intention, and its desire to specialise engineers to supervise restoration work.

The department had announced its intention to start an exhibition and permanent museum at the citadel in commemoration of the Great Revolt.

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

AMMAN, April 22 (Petra) — A royal decree issued yesterday appointed Dr. Saleh Khasawneh as advisor at the prime minister's office and Dr. Abdullah Nsour, under-secretary of the Ministry of Finance, as director of the Income Tax Department, replacing Dr. Khasawneh. The decree also appointed Mr. Abdul Majid Al Qasem under-secretary of the Finance Ministry to replace Dr. Nsour.

AMMAN, April 22 (Petra) — The representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Jordan, Mr. Nicolas de Rougemont, and the ICRC's regional director yesterday conferred with Minister of Occupied Territories Affairs Hassan Ibrahim. They discussed subjects connected with the ICRC's activities in the occupied Arab territories and its humanitarian assistance to the Arab population under Israeli occupation.

MADABA, April 22 (Petra) — A municipal council will be set up at Barza in Madaba District, according to a decision taken by the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment. According to Madaba District Governor Mohammad Al Daba'i the council is needed to organise public services to the village's inhabitants.

AMMAN, April 22 (Petra) — A children's film week opened at the Princess Alia Community College here today to mark National Children's Day. Nearly 200 children from kindergartens, in Amman and the American community attended a film and a variety show of songs and children's games.

AMMAN, April (Petra) — A delegation from the Mohammed V University in Morocco today concluded a five-day visit to Jordan and left for home. During their stay, the delegation members visited Jordanian universities for talks on bilateral cooperation. The delegation was promised Jordanian assistance in establishing a faculty of education at the Moroccan university.

AMMAN, April 22 (Petra) — Twenty-seven Jordanian merchants have been fined JD 40 each for violating supply regulations. The military governor today endorsed the court sentences.

AMMAN, April 22 (Petra) — A medical seminar will be held on Monday at the University of Jordan's faculty of medical sciences. During the three-day seminar, participants will hear lectures on diabetes and thyroid and endocrine gland surgery.

AMMAN, April 22 (Petra) — The annual meeting of the Jordanian Surgeons' Association will be held here on April 29. During the one-day meeting, several Jordanian specialists will deliver lectures on a number of medical subjects.

Pension Fund and businessmen to get together on glass industry

AMMAN, April 22 (J.T.) — The Jordanian business enterprises are expected to pool their resources and efforts to establish a glassware manufacturing industry in Ma'an, southern Jordan, with government support and participation.

A report in Al Ra'i newspaper today said Prime Minister Mudar Badran has asked the Pension Fund, which proposed setting up the glassware industry, and a group of Jordanian businessmen wishing to establish a window-pane factory to set up a joint plant at Ma'an.

The government promised the joint venture an easy, long-term JD 5 million loan and offered to participate in the project's capital, the paper said.

According to the report, shares will be offered to the public once the feasibility study on the project has been completed.

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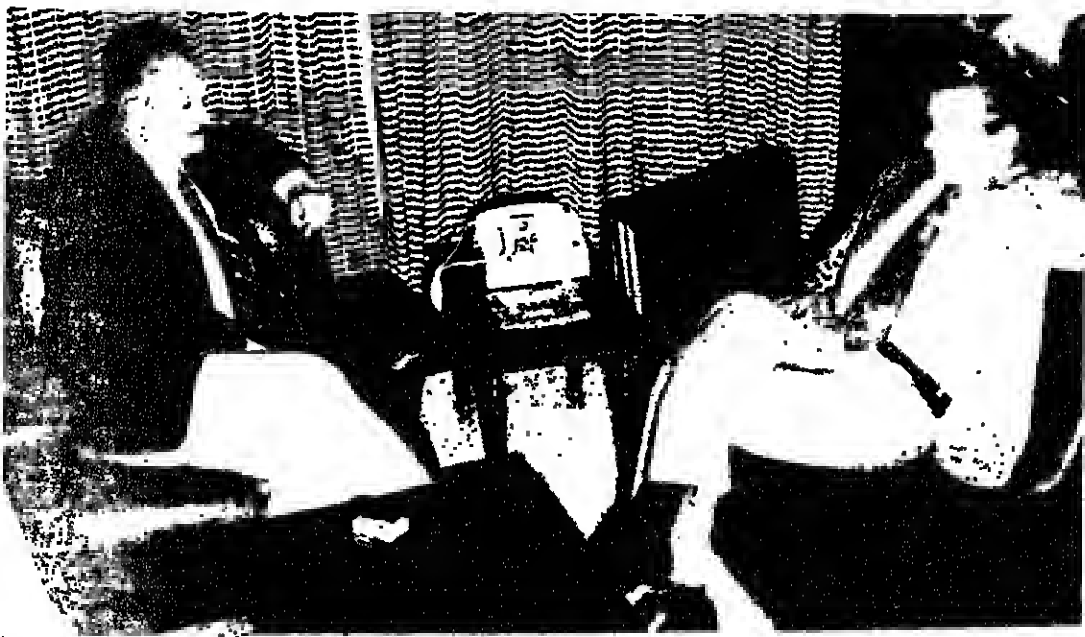
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Information minister meets Finnish envoy



AMMAN, April 22 (Petra) — The Finnish non-resident ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Arto Tanner, today called on Minister of Information Adnan Al-Qubsi for an exchange of views on the Middle East situation and Jordanian-Finnish relations.

They also discussed Israel's recurrent acts of aggression on southern Lebanon. The ambassador arrived in Amman yesterday for a three-day visit to Jordan.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

Name of Company	Par Value	Number Traded	High	Low	Closing Price
Islamic Bank 50%	JD 1,000	22,826	1,680	1,660	1,670
Jordan-Kuwait Bank	JD 1,000	1,870	2,220	2,220	2,220
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1,000	8,900	1,510	1,500	1,510
Huising Bank	JD 1,000	550	2,190	2,190	2,190
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1,000	3,000	1,600	1,600	1,600
Real Estate Financial Corporation (Refco)	JD 2,000	1,100	13,500	13,570	13,500
Cairo Amman Bank	JD 5,000	1,751	15,300	15,200	15,250
Arab Bank Co. Ltd.	JD 10,000	150	131,000	131,000	131,000
Arab Financial Foundation (Jordan) 80%	JD 10,000	225	13,800	13,750	13,750
Petra Bank	JD 10,000	10	18,100	18,100	18,100
Arab Union Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	338	1,450	1,450	1,450
Al Ezulhar Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	2,042	2,450	2,380	2,380
General Insurance Co.	JD 1,000	7,691	1,650	1,600	1,650
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1,000	2,770	2,120	2,080	2,100
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1,000	1,150	0,960	0,960	0,950
Arabian Investment and International Trading Co.	JD 1,000	19,650	1,200	1,120	1,200
International Contracting and Investments Co.	JD 1,000	15,850	0,860	0,850	0,860
Dar Al Sha'b for Press and Publications	JD 1,000	2,950	0,970	0,960	0,960
Garage Owners Federation Office Co.	JD 1,000	250	10,000	9,900	9,900
Arab Development and Investment Co.	JD 2,000	2,083	1,730	1,700	1,730
Jordan Dairy Co.	JD 1,000	5,918	1,290	1,280	1,290
General Mining Co.	JD 1,000	2,585	1,750	1,740	1,750
Arab Aluminium Industries Co.	JD 1,000	22,045	1,540	1,520	1,540
Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Co.	JD 1,000	2,656	3,880	3,750	3,800
Arab Chemical Detergents Industries Co.	JD 1,000	2,150	5,020	4,930	4,930
National Steel Industries	JD 1,000	10,700	2,180	2,120	2,170
Dar Al Daw' Development and Investment Co.	JD 1,000	30	3,340	3,340	3,340
Jordan Worsteds Mills Co.	JD 1,000	100	3,300	3,300	3,300
Jordan Ceramics Industries Co.	JD 1,000	6,042	1,130	1,110	1,130
Jordan Glass Factories Co.	JD 1,000	917	0,840	0,830	0,840
Jordan Paper and Cardboard Factories Co.	JD 1,000	746	1,580	1,580	1,580
Jordan Phosphate Mines Co.	JD 1,000	214	3,500	3,500	3,500
Jordan Lime and Silicate Brick Industries Co.	JD 5,000	2,415	6,150	5,950	6,150
Woolen Industries Co.	JD 5,000	125	5,000	5,000	5,000
Arab Pharmaceutical Manufacturing Co.	JD 5,000	437	30,000	29,800	29,900
Jordan Petroleum Refinery Co.	JD 5,000	1,456	8,440	8,400	8,410
Jordan Cement Factories Co.	JD 10,000	100	18,550	18,500	18,550

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Architecture students' refurbish their studio

Setting one's own house in order

By Dina Matar
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Second-year students of architecture, at the University of Jordan have taken things into their own hands. For a period of two weeks they have worked on their design studio at the university "to make a better place to study in."



Suspended canvas gives the architecture students' studio a tent-like atmosphere.

The once shabby, drab room's peeling walls and lethargic atmosphere has been transformed into a dazzling combination of red, blue and white.

"This is the studio I have always dreamed of," says Miss Serene Koz, one of the students. Working in groups, some of the students repainted the walls while others cleaned the windows, the

enthusiastic 32-student class has put all the effort it can master into renovating the spacious studio. Now, the door all but beckons one to enter, with its bright paint and appealing design.

The most ingenious creation of the class, however, was the hanging of carefully arranged pieces of canvas from the ceiling, giving the interior a tent-like at-

mosphere. "The ceiling was very high; we hung up the canvas to bring it nearer and make it more intimate," Mr. Nabih Riyal told the Jordan Times.

Delightful

"We have put our hearts into the work," another student said, "and it has been delightful though tiring."

It is not easy to work steadily from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily; but the young students obviously did not suffer from backaches or strained necks.

As one enters the studio, a notice board strikes one as being part of an arranged exhibition; and the green plants hanging from the ceiling around it add to the feeling of life and intimacy.

The students have become more alive now, and they seem like one big family as they move among the desks helping one another or chattering happily away. "The work brought us together," Mr. Ismail Tahhan said, "and we got to know each other better as well as to respect one another's talents and abilities."

For a long time the second-year students had no private lecture

room, so they partitioned off a special section for lectures at one end of the studio, leaving the other part for design work.

The whole effort was done on the students' own initiative, but not without the encouragement of their three professors, Mr. Mark Frederickson, Mr. Kamel Muhammad and Mr. Akram Abu Hamdan. To cover the cost, each student paid JD 5 from his or her own pocket money, and the architecture society at the university donated JD 50.

"We could not have achieved anything without the backing of our professors," Miss Randa Khatib said.

Teamwork

"The teamwork was the best experience I have ever had," Miss Lamis Sha'ban remarked. "Boys and girls took turns at scrubbing the windows and floors." And Mr. Ahmad Othman said, "We (the boys) did not feel embarrassed at cleaning the walls or windows."

The faculty members themselves helped in cleaning the windows and floors — an unprecedented action which made for much hilarity.

The students have hung bright red curtains on the windows, which adds to the bright and lively atmosphere in the room.

"After the work was finished, we were completely exhausted; and someone came up with the idea of leaving our paint-smudged handprints on the wall, which we did," Miss Hakos said. Male students dipped their hands in blue paint, while the girls dipped theirs in red, and they left their 32 handprints on the wall as a lasting memento of all their hard work.

Miss Leen Fakhouri said, "We tried to combine designs of the present and the past in renovating the studio." The present is represented by the red curtains and brightly painted walls, and the past makes itself felt in the old-fashioned canvas hanging from the ceiling.

To celebrate the end of the work, the students organised a small party attended by the architecture faculty's dean. The professors contributed to the lively party by playing on guitars while some sang.



Hanging plants add to the feeling of intimacy.



The room's notice board has a colourful, lively air.



The hard-working students display their commemorative handprints. (Photos by Mohammad Ayish)

People...in the news

THE LATE King Abdullah Ibn Al Hussein was an 'homme complet, and His Majesty King Hussein inherited the acumen and wisdom of the founder of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan, according to Professor Dr. Fahreddin Kerim Gokay.

The 81-year-old (he was born on Jan. 10, 1900) leading Turkish professor and former cabinet and parliament member says his attachment to the Hashemites has religious, as well as personal motivations. Jordan's royal family are "descendants of the Quraysh Tribe, to which the Prophet Mohammed belongs," he noted during his week-long visit to Jordan at the invitation of His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan which ended on Wednesday. "I have known personally three Hashemite monarchs (he also knew the late King Talal, father of King Hussein) and I cannot express my deep feelings towards this family," he added.

His first visit to Jordan was in 1950, when he came here as chairman of a Turkish fact-finding commission to investigate the conditions of Palestinian refugees. Since then he has paid three visits to Jordan, and has been visited "frequently" by members of the royal family in his hometown of Istanbul, of which he was both mayor and governor in 1949.

One of the "most cherished" things Prof. Gokay took home with him was a gold-framed autographed picture of Prince Hassan which was given to him as a symbol of "sincere amity". His visit, however, ended

with some inconvenience. Because of the closure of Beirut airport due to fighting there, Prof. Gokay had to take a long detour — starting his trip home on a plane bound for Amsterdam!

ONE doctoral degree is never enough for some distinguished scholars, it seems; and Argentine has apparently realised that fact in relation to three Jordanian academics.

On Tuesday, Argentina's ambassador to Jordan and Syria presented honorary doctorates to Dr. Abdul Karim Gharalbeh, a professor in the Arabic department at the University of Jordan; Dr. Kamel Abu Jaber, director of the Queen Alia Jordan Social Welfare Fund, and Dr. Adnan Hadidi, director of the Department of Antiquities.

The presentation took place in a ceremony at the university's staff club, and was attended by a large number of faculty and staff members.

The Arab-Argentinian Centre decided to award the honorary degrees because of the recipients' services and valuable publications on world problems and education.

JUST as Jordan is enjoying the thrilling visit of a collection of English treasures in the British Council's Age of Shakespeare exhibition, one Jordanian is scheduled to make a trip in the reverse direction.

Mr. Mahmoud Abu Al Ruz, technical translator at

the Jordanian Dutch Contracting Company, flies to London next week to spend two weeks touring literary and historical sites in the U.K. at the invitation of the British Tourist Authority (BTA) and the BBC's Arabic service.

Mr. Abu Al Ruz was the Jordanian prizewinner in the BTA/BBC 1980 literary competition, chosen from among 350 competitors in the Arab World.

As part of his trip, he is scheduled to appear in a broadcast interview on the BBC Arabic service, entitled "Listeners' Forum".

THE DEAN of Amman's diplomatic corps, Qatari Ambassador Hamad Al Thani, and his clan can be seen around the Holiday Inn rather more frequently than usual these days.

Sheikha Hamad, his wife Sheikh Sa'wa and their children — Hassan, Mish'al, Mohammad and the little girl Hanan — have been ousted from their elegant home in Shmeisani by a team of redecorators, and it seems they may not be back for quite some time. So the family has turned to the Holiday Inn for accommodation, where they found plenty of it.

They are now occupying the hotel's entire penthouse level — two royal suites — according to Miss Leila Haddad, Holiday Inn sales manager. They have been there for several weeks so far, she said — one hopes it won't be too many more months before they can go home again!

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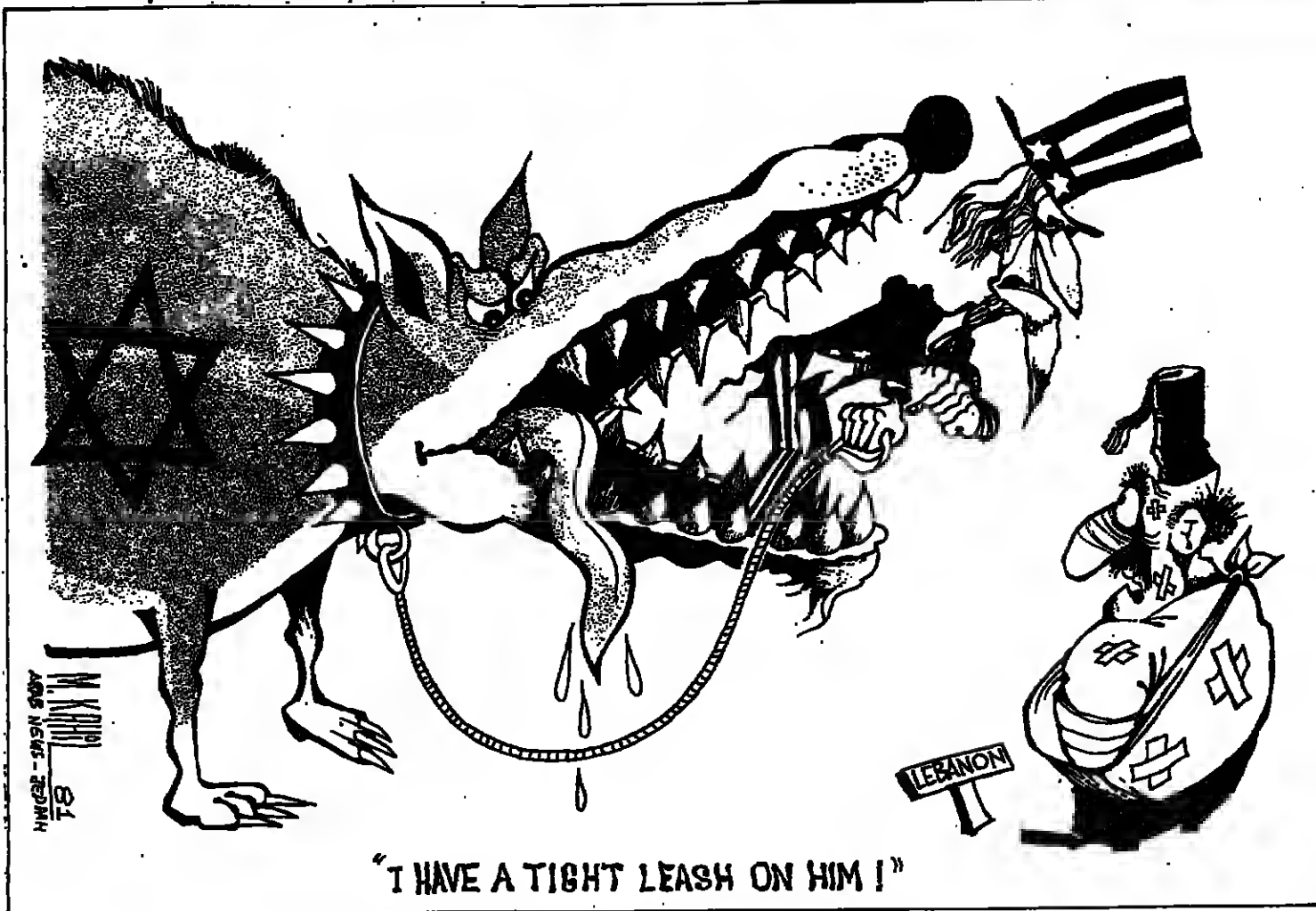
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ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

AL RA'I: The statements made by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher at the conclusion of her talks with Saudi officials suggest two things. First, Britain does not distinguish between the issue of peace in the area and the recognition of the national rights of the Palestinian people.

Needless to say, the advancement of the efforts of Britain and the rest of the European Community, whether by offering an initiative or by persuading the United States to cooperate with them, is the responsibility of Britain and these European states.

RED & BLACK Phillips Curve in Jordan

By Jawad Ahmaq

A.W. Phillips got much more than he had bargained for when he wrote his famous article in 1957 about the relation between unemployment and price changes. Taking the experience of the United Kingdom over a period of almost sixty years, he demonstrated that the relation between unemployment and inflation was negative and inverse.

A new wrinkle?

THE REAGAN administration's decision to sell Saudi Arabia five Airborne Warning and Control System (AWACS) planes and additional equipment for 62 F-15 fighter-bombers already on order can be seen as a sign of strength by the new American leadership. But many things could happen between now and when the sale of the arms package is approved or rejected by the American Congress.

JORDAN TIMES DAILY GUIDE

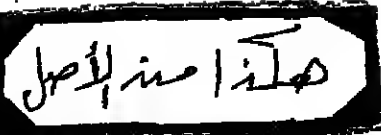
Table with columns for TV channels (3, 6), radio (Jordan, BBC), and programs (News, Sports, Music, etc.) for Thursday and Friday.

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Table with columns for service clubs (Lions, Rotary), museums (Folklore, Jordan National Gallery), and pharmacies (Amman, Nairouki).

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MIDDLE EAST

Bani-Sadr: Iran's economic plight worse than Gulf war

CH. April 23 (A.P.) — Iranian President Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr was quoted today as saying that Iran's economic plight is worse than the Gulf war.



Abol Hassan Bani-Sadr

Rajai forecasts no deficit

IRAN, April 23 (R) — Iranian Prime Minister Mohammad Rajai has presented to the parliament a 3.3 trillion (\$44 billion) budget for the year which began on 121, up from 2.84 trillion (\$37.9 billion) the previous year.

operations and occasional advances, but lacked the reserves and equipment to support large scale breakthroughs.

Mr. Bani-Sadr was quoted as saying that recent polls indicated he would be "almost unanimously reelected despite the hostile propaganda by the Islamic Republican Party" of the religious leaders.

Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani, Saudi minister of petroleum and mineral resources, has firmly stated his country's policy on the NBC radio-television interview programme "Meet the Press."

Journalists also questioned Sheikh Yamani on the proposed sale of U.S. F-15 fighter plane equipment and five electronic surveillance aircraft, AWACS (Airborne Warning and Control System).

He said he expects the Reagan administration will proceed with the single package equipment/AWACS proposal despite opposition to it in the U.S. Congress and in Israel.

MIDDLE EAST BRIEFS

Powerful bomb explodes near Khomeini Tehran residence

TEHRAN, April 22 (R) — A powerful bomb ripped through a street near the north Tehran residence of Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini today, killing at least one person and injuring five people.

15,000 Athenians protest pollution

ATHENS, April 22 (R) — More than 15,000 Athenians held a rally today to protest against what they regard as government negligence leading to severe pollution.

13 missing after boat sinks in Nile

Cairo, April 22 (A.P.) — Thirteen people were believed missing and twelve other injured after a Nile river tour boat sank today, the Middle East News Agency said.

Several firms contacted by the Associated Press said they were unfamiliar with the name. The agency report said the injured were rushed to a hospital in Aswan, a helicopter search was underway for the missing, and arrangements were being made by the ministry of tourism to fly the rescued passengers to Cairo.

On NBC radio-television interview

Yamani firm on lower, unified oil prices



Sheikh Ahmad Zaki Yamani

mediate future? A: Not for the time being until we unify the price of oil.

Q: ...Are you saying that until the other countries agree to a price unification, that Saudi Arabia is not going to raise its oil prices at all, is that your current position.

Q: Mr. Minister, you have said that you understood Israeli objections to the furnishing of AWACS planes to Saudi Arabia.

Q: And do you understand that it is so essential to the security of the Saudis and that your interests in Saudi Arabia makes it so essential to you, to give it to us?

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ECONOMY

Japan's trainmen strike; widespread walkout looms

TOKYO, April 22 (R) — The Shunto, the annual spring wages offensive by Japan's unions, intensified today as strikers paralysed a stretch of private railway and national railmen and other public sector workers threatened a widespread walkout.

Mediators from the government's labour relations commission were called in today, trying to smooth out talks with railmen of the state system and with other public sector workers who have threatened strikes tomorrow unless their demands are met.

Informed sources said there was no immediate prospect for a breakthrough in the rail talks although differences look small. The railmen want a rise of about eight per cent. Japan's annual inflation rate at present, The Japan National Railways (JNR), struggling to cut costs, aims just below 7.5 per cent.

The other public sector workers also want an eight per cent increase and have turned down offers of 4.4 per cent.

Earlier today the Shunto reached a crucial stage when all but one of Japan's eight major private railway companies settled with their workers after a token strike of about three hours.

Action by the private railway unions is always closely watched here as their wages settlements have come to be regarded as a guideline to other workers in the spring pay manoeuvring.

The private railmen settled for increases of 7.52 per cent, an average of an extra \$72 a month, well below their original demands for about 11 per cent.

This morning's private rail strike affected two million commuters before being called off when the federation of private railway workers accepted the latest management offer.

But workers on the Keisei electric railways, a big private company operating between Tokyo and its international airport, refused to obey the back-to-work order and left this section paralysed.

The national railmen have threatened a 48-hour strike against JNR and union leaders said this could affect about 19 million people and hit the high-speed Shinkansen (bullet) train.

Apart from JNR, more than 100 unions involving smaller private railways firms, municipal bus and subway services, public-sector schoolteachers, and some airlines are threatening strikes tomorrow to back their wage demands.

A Japan Air Lines (JAL) spokesman said airline staff might strike tomorrow, which would affect about 50 of the 131 scheduled domestic and international flights. Two domestic airlines said its union had also threatened to walk out.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

New Orleans to host 1984 World's Fair

PARIS, April 22 (A.P.) — The Bureau of International Expositions gave its unanimous final approval today to a 1984 World's Fair in New Orleans, the city's first such exposition in a century. "We're very excited about the approval and registration," New Orleans Mayor Ernest Morial said. "We think New Orleans is appropriate for the world's fair because it is America's most international city."

New Orleans first proposed the fair in 1974. "It was a considerable amount of effort," said Mr. Morial, "but it certainly was worth it."

New Orleans, other World's Fair was held in 1884. The one a century later is expected to attract 11 million visitors to the city.

The international bureau's approval came after President Ronald Reagan gave his formal endorsement to the fair following assurances by the organisers that they will have \$3.5 million in support pledges by May 15.

Mr. Morial was given the bureau's fair flag, its official symbol of acceptance, and in return presented the 34-nation group with the flag New Orleans will fly at the fair.

Japanese oil imports fall by 10%

TOKYO, April 22 (R) — Japanese crude oil imports fell substantially last year due mainly to slower economic activity and disruptions in supplies from Iran following a politically-tinged price dispute, the trade ministry said today.

The ministry said imports in the 1980 tax year ending last month totalled 1.57 billion barrels, a drop of about 10 per cent from 1.74 billion barrels in the previous year.

Saudi Arabia was the biggest supplier with 517 million barrels, a 10 per cent jump over the previous year, followed by Indonesia and the United Arab Emirates.

Saudis deny riyal devalued

RIYADH, April 22 (A.P.) — A spokesman for the Saudi Monetary Agency today denied that the Saudi riyal had been devalued.

alued. The spokesman for the establishment, Mr. Mohammad Saeed El Haj, which serves as the kingdom's central bank, said "no such decision has been taken, the report that the riyal has been devalued is untrue."

Despite the denial local banks said they received a telexed instruction earlier in the day from the Saudi monetary agency extending the rate of exchange of the riyal from 3.35 to 3.36 per one U.S. dollar.

Iran, Turkey sign transit agreement

NICOSIA, April 22 (A.P.) — Iran and Turkey signed an agreement in Tehran today for the transportation of one million tons of Iranian-bound freight annually via Turkey's railway system, reported Pars, the official Iranian news agency.

Pars said the agreement was signed by Turkish Commerce Minister Kemal Canturk and Iran's Minister of Trade and Commerce Hussein Kazempour Ardebili.

Strike hits U.K. banks

LONDON, April 22 (R) — Pickets patrolled outside British clearing banks today as some 12,000 bank staff began a 24-hour strike protesting against management refusal to increase a 10 per cent pay offer.

British domestic banks in London's West End and the Liverpool area were expected to be among those hit, with foreign banks likely to be only marginally affected.

Officials of the Banking Insurance and Finance Union (BIFU) which called the strike said it would be followed by an overtime ban and work to rule.

Union officials predicted that the credit cards system operated by some clearing banks could be disrupted.

The dispute closed two of the three banks at London Airport. The banking information service, representing management, said more than 1100 banks were closed as a result of today's action. A spokesman for bank employers said: "The nuisance value of today's action is considerable, but it is not a major problem."

LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON, April 22 (R) — Following are the buying and sell rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at close of trading on the London foreign exchange and bullion market today.

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	1077.00/1079.00	Italian lire
	216.90/217.10	Japanese yen
	4.7095/7105	Swedish crowns
	5.4790/4800	Norwegian crowns
	6.8310/25	Danish crowns
One ounce of gold	500.00/501.00	U.S. dollars

LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON, April 22 (R) — Renewed demand after yesterday's bout of profit taking took the Financial Times 30 share ordinary index 15.2 up to new peak of 581.3 at 1500 local time.

Widespread demand in moderate turnover left jobbers short and consequently exaggerated price movements, dealers said. Market leader ICI, which said it expects improved first quarter profits, ended 10p higher at 294 after 296.

Government bonds rose as much as 3/4 point but turnover in this sector was relatively light. Canadians and U.S. stocks eased but gold share firmed.

British Sugar Corp. ended 15p down at 301 following the revised bid terms from S and W Berisford which closed 4p up at 121 having traded a 124.

Trust House Forte added 6p as operators became doubtful about the success of its bid for Savoy hotels, which closed at 158 compared with 18 yesterday. Delta group was around 3p down after results but British Aerospace advanced to 230 from 215 on further consideration of preliminary figures.

Rothmans fell to a low of 60p from 78p after the merger talks with R Reynolds had ended but picked up 6p to 66 following news Rembrand group has decided to sell about 50 per cent of the group's holdings in Rothmans Tobacco holdings to Phillip Morris.

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WORLD

An unusually large number of funerals

Insurgents step up attacks: Kabul goes on highest alert

NEW DELHI, April 22 (Agencies) — Afghan rebel attacks continued in Kabul over the past week as security forces went on the highest alert for the third anniversary of Marxist rule next Monday, western diplomatic sources reported here today.

They said preparations were being made for a parade and aircraft flypasts at Kabul ceremonies recalling the Saur (April) revolution of 1978 which overthrew President Mohammad Daoud and established Marxist rule.

The sources quoted Afghan contacts as saying Mr. Gbulam Sakhi, believed to be a senior member of the Afghan Khad (secret service) was shot dead along with his brother near the Soviet embassy in Kabul on April 13.

Mr. Sharaf Uddin Sharaf, described as commander of Afghanistan's "Defence of the Revolutionary Forces" militia, was reported killed five days ago and his funeral was announced by Kabul Radio, the sources said.

The sources said there had been an unusually large number of funerals in Kabul over the past week, adding that some were attended

by senior government officials amid tight security precautions.

Sporadic gunfire was heard in Kabul virtually daily and one reliable source reported seeing what looked like a helicopter explode in mid-air while firing rockets about three kilometres from Kabul airport on April 17.

What was described as a good source reported seeing the wreckage of eight downed helicopters near the town of Ghazni south of Kabul and added that the Kabul-Ghazni highway was littered with damaged military vehicles.

The rebels had imposed a curfew on the road, the man said, and his bus was stopped twice by rebels who collected 50 Afghanis (about one dollar) from each passenger as an unofficial highway tax.

Travellers from Salang Pass on the main road from the Soviet border said a convoy of 30 trucks carrying wheat was looted by rebels and the vehicles burned, the sources said.

The Samangan Province general police commander was reported killed by rebels near Charika while driving to Kabul on April 15, the sources said. They said the Kabul-Jalalabad road was closed for two days last week by fighting between rebels and security forces.

Rebels form new coalition

Meanwhile, four Pakistan-based Afghan insurgent groups have formed a coalition in a move to unify the faction-ridden resistance movement, officials of one of the exile organisations said.

The groups have signed an agreement pledging practical cooperation and their leaders will issue a formal announcement later in Peshawar, northwest Pakistan, where many Afghan guerrilla factions are based, said a spokesman for the National Islamic Front.

The move made clear that the former grouping, the Alliance for the Liberation of Afghanistan, a five-party coalition, failed to overcome serious factional rivalry and distrust since it was launched in early 1980 with strong Pakistani support.

The new coalition includes two moderate organisations, the National Islamic Front and the Afghan National Liberation Front, the two main religious groups and Mr. Mohammad Yousef Khalil's Hezbi-Islami faction.

One of the largest Afghan resistance groups, the Gulabidin

Kekmatyar faction, chose to remain aloof from the unity move, as have some 40 minor exile organisations.

143 political prisoners released

Meanwhile, the government of President Babrak Karmal announced it has released 143 political prisoners, raising the number of freed detainees to about 1350 since March 14.

The official Afghanistan radio said in a broadcast that 130 prisoners from Herat Province and 13 detainees from Farwan Province who admitted being "deceived by the propaganda of the enemies of the country," were released after they gave assurances that they "would not act against the interests of the fatherland."

The broadcast also said that Afghan troops had liquidated two rebel "terrorist" groups in Herat Province and captured some American, Chinese Pakistani and Egyptian arms.

In related developments, Mr. Afghanistan's second deputy prime minister, has assured religious leaders in Kabul that the Soviet-backed Afghan government would fully promote the Islamic religion, Kabul Radio reported.

The radio, in a broadcast monitored in India, said Mr. Kishitmand inaugurated a session of the high Islamic tradition council with some of the country's Islamic leaders taking part.

A speech by Mr. Kishitmand, "threw light" on the policy of the Afghan government regarding Islamic traditions and the customs of Muslims in the country, the radio said.

U.S. jets buzz Soviet airliner

NEW DELHI, April 22 (A.P.) — Two American jetfighters buzzed a Soviet commercial jetliner near Bahrain in the Arabian Gulf region earlier this month, and followed it for a while before turning away, an Indian government official said here today.

He was commenting on a local newspaper report that Bombay airport received "danger signals" from the Aeroflot aircraft about the incident which occurred April 2. The plane was on a flight from Karachi in Pakistan to Aden. The news reports said that the signals from the Soviet jetliner were also received by airports in several cities in the Arabian Gulf.

"This was brought to our notice, but as it did not take place in our territorial waters and we are not taking any action on it," added the official, an information officer of the tourism and civil aviation ministry.

A new exodus of boatpeople

MANILA, April 22 (A.P.) — U.S. Navy ships have rescued 317 Vietnamese from six separate boats scattered across the South China Sea in what appears to be a steeped-up exodus from Vietnam.

The refugees were spotted in a 24-hour period across a wide expanse of the ocean patrolled by U.S. ships, a Seventh Fleet spokesman said today.

The fifth rescue, involving 71 refugees, was made this morning by the destroyer John Young, which had just come from Singapore where it had disembarked 177 other Vietnamese picked up April 16, the spokesman said.

The 71, consisting of 25 men, 20 women and 26 children, were sighted by John Young lookouts about southwest of Ho Chi Minh City (formerly Saigon). Their 10.7 metre boat was adrift without power, and the refugees were taken on within the hour with no significant medical problems reported, the spokesman said.

NORAD apprehensive of Soviet bombers

CHEYENNE MOUNTAIN, Colorado, April 22 (R) — Soviet bombers could penetrate North American radar at least until 1985, a senior military official has said.

"There are lots of gaps and the Soviet bomber threat is on the upswing," said Major Cliff Zacharias, a spokesman for the North American Air Defence (NORAD) command.

Major Zacharias, of the Canadian air force, was speaking during an interview with Reuters at command headquarters deep within a hollowed-out mountain in the rocky mountains.

He said Canadian and U.S. radar built to detect a bomber attack was antiquated and could easily be jammed by the Soviet Union, while newer radar technology would not be able to close the gap for at least another five years.

NORAD commanders view the Soviet backfire bomber with growing alarm and the shorter-range Soviet bombers, which can be refuelled in flight, also pose a danger, he said.

The American-Canadian command is placing its hopes on the Backscatter system of over-the-horizon radar, Major Zacharias said. But even if it works as hoped it cannot operate over the Arctic, a prime route for a Soviet bomber attack, because of interference from the Northern Lights (the Earth's magnetic field), he said.

The Arctic approach would have to be guarded by airborne warning and control system aircraft (AWACS).

SPORTS NEWS BRIEFS

U.S. baseball roundup

NEW YORK, April 22 (A.P.) — The Montreal Expos, sparked rookie Tim Lincecum's four hits, two runs batted in and club-record tying four stolen bases, battered Philadelphia 10-3 for their seventh victory in nine games. The Expos, who equaled a team record with seven steals, broke a 2-2 tie in the fifth inning again. Dick Ruthven when Rodney Scott singled in Raines. Scott eventually scored on Ellis Valentine's sacrifice fly. The Expos add five runs in the sixth, when Raines and Valentine both singled home two runs. Earlier, Gary Carter homered for Montreal support of the 10-hit pitching of Scott Sanderson. Also in National League, the St. Louis Cardinals trounced the Chicago Cubs 8-0 behind the five-hit pitching of Andy Rincon. It was fifth straight victory for the Cards and the eighth loss in a row for the Cubs. St. Louis erupted for six runs in the third inning, two Gen. Tenace's double and two on Tommy Herr's triple. Tom Boggs pitched eight scoreless innings and drove in two runs as Bob Horner drove in four to pace Atlanta to a 10-1 rout of Cincinnati Reds. In Houston, Bob Knepper scattered three hits and doubled and scored the game's only run on Cesar Cedeno's third-inning single as the Astros cooled off Los Angeles 1-0 break a four-game losing streak. It was the Dodgers' second loss in 11 games. Chris Welsh posted his first major league victory as St. San Diego Padres dominated San Francisco 3-1. In the American League, Floyd Bannister pitched a masterful two-hitter — retired California's final 20 batters — and Richie Zisk, Jim Anderson and Bruce Bochte each singled in a run as Seattle beat the Angels 3-1. Tom Armas' bases-loaded single in the 10th inning and Ste McCatty's six-hitter gave Oakland its 13th victory in 14 games this year as the A's beat Minnesota 4-3. Ben Oglivie smashed a three-run homer and Moose Haas scattered nine hits to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 6-2 victory over Toronto. Reggie Jackson single produced one of two unearned runs off Mil Wilcox in a first inning and Doug Bird pitched six shutout innings in his first start of the year to give the New York Yankees a 2-0 victory over Detroit. Tony Bernazard's fourth hit of the game, a bases-loaded single in the bottom of the ninth inning, and a four-hitter by Br. Burns gave the Chicago White Sox a 2-1 victory over Baltimore. Run-scoring double by Bo Diaz triggered a three-run ninth as the Cleveland Indians beat Kansas City 4-1 behind Rick Wal seven-hitter. Carney Lansford, the Al hitting leader, raised it average to .485 with three hits and drove in two runs, leading Boston to a 10-4 romp over Texas. Lansford had two singles and double in Boston's 15-hit attack.

Kenyan Safari Rally result in dispute

NAIROBI, April 22 (R) — The result of the Kenya Safari Mot Rally was reversed for a second time in 12 hours here today when the original winner, Shekhar Mehta of Kenya, was reinstated first place. The decision was taken by the Automobile Association (A.A.) of Kenya which over-ruled the rally's organising committee. Earlier today the organisers awarded the race to second placed Rauno Aaltonen of Finland after the Finn appealed. However, the latest decision by the A.A. restoring the initial result, unlikely to end the drama about the first two places. Aaltonen who has tried to win the event 18 times, immediately announced that he intended appealing again to the Paris-based International Federation of Automobiles (F.I.A.).

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

Freighter-sub collision victims found

KAGOSHIMA, Japan, April 22 (R) — The bodies of two missing crew members of a Japanese freighter which was accidentally sunk by a U.S. nuclear submarine earlier this month have been picked up by a fishing boat near Yakushima Island, Maritime Safety Agency (MSA) officials here said. The 2,350-ton freighter Nissho Maru with a crew of 15 sank in the East China Sea on April 9 after a collision with the George Washington an American Polaris missile submarine based in Guam. Thirteen of the crew were rescued by Japanese destroyers the following day from life rafts. The two missing crew included Capt. Taizo Noguchi, 51. The accident, plus the submarine's failure to pick up the Nissho Maru crew members and a 36-hour delay in the U.S. official report of the accident to the Japanese government, has angered the Japanese people. The U.S. Navy said yesterday that it accepted liability for the accident.

21 guerrillas killed in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, April 22 (R) — Twenty-one leftist guerrillas were killed in two separate clashes with government troops in El Salvador yesterday, an army spokesman said. The insurgents died in battles in the northern region of Chalatenango and near the town of Tejutepueque, 50 kilometres east of San Salvador, he said. No army casualties were reported. The spokesman also said the bodies of 10 farm workers were found by a roadside 30 kilometres north of the capital.

Castro accuses U.S. of increasing tension

HAVANA, April 22 (R) — President Fidel Castro has accused the Reagan administration of increasing world tension and risking a new phase of arms development. He told a meeting of the pro-Soviet World Peace Council here yesterday that increased U.S. military spending could only "drag the world towards a new and unbearable spiral of the arms race." Despite world opinion the United States was providing El Salvador with "huge amounts of weapons and military personnel to direct and give advice in repression and terror," he said. About 18,000 people are believed to have been killed in El Salvador since fighting erupted early last year between leftist guerrillas and the U.S.-backed civilian-military junta. Referring to Nicaragua, Mr. Castro said it is a shame that a "large and powerful nation like the United States, applies economic reprisals and attempts to use hunger to force the Nicaraguan people to surrender." Earlier this month, Washington announced the suspension of \$1.5 million of outstanding credits to Nicaragua. It cited the country's support of El Salvador's rebels.

Hanoi denies Thai charges of military clash

BANGKOK, April 22 (A.P.) — Vietnam has denied charges by the Thai military a week ago that Vietnamese-led forces inside Kampuchea had fired across the border on a marine unit inside Thai territory. The Vietnamese News Agency (VNA) called the charges a fabrication and a slander aimed at covering up what it called Thailand's collusion with Peking in attempts to interfere in Kampuchea's internal affairs. A Thai navy spokesman said last week that Thai and Vietnamese forces exchanged fire with heavy weapons for about 35 minutes at the border of Trad Province, 280 kilometres east of Bangkok.

Pope offers prayers for Davao victims

VATICAN CITY, April 22 (A.P.) — Pope John Paul II today expressed "deep sorrow" over the bloody Easter Sunday cathedral bombing at Davao City in the Philippines, which killed 13 persons and wounded more than 16. "I offer heartfelt prayers for the victims of these unjustifiable attacks on innocent people gathered to worship God," the pontiff said in a telegram to the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Davao, Monsignor Antonio Mabutas y Llorens. The Pope visited the city on Mindanao in the southern Philippines on Feb. 20 during his 12-day swing through the Far East. Vatican sources said the Pope was "visibly upset" when he heard the news of the grenade attack and went into his private chapel to pray.

Underground explosion reported in Russia

UPPSALA, Sweden, April 22 (A.P.) — The Soviet Union detonated a powerful underground nuclear explosion early this morning in western Siberia, the seismological institute of Sweden's Uppsala University reported. The explosion measured 6.9 on the Richter scale of the institute's seismograph. The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion. An earthquake measuring 6.9 would be capable of causing severe damage. There was no immediate Soviet comment on the report.

Deng doesn't want party chairmanship

PEKING, April 22 (A.P.) — China's supreme leader Deng Xiaoping was offered the chairmanship of the Communist Party but turned it down, saying he wanted to make way for younger men, Chinese sources said today.

The sources said party Vice-Chairman Deng was offered the party's highest honour and top position at a Central Committee meeting earlier this year. They said the 76-year-old Deng repeated his familiar statement that he wants to retire from active politics by 1985 and serve as an adviser to the Central Committee.

Mr. Deng, they said, wants to make way for younger men and establish a party and government leadership that will carry on his pragmatic policies and modernisation drive.

The sources added that they not be identified. Internal circulars, based on Central Committee documents, also are said to contain information about the shifts in the highest party posts.

The sources said, however, that Mr. Deng has claimed a new and crucial position and has been named chairman of the powerful party Military Commission. That post traditionally belonged to the party chairman, the much less powerful Hua Guofeng. Mr. Deng clearly has taken control of the Military Commission, but official confirmation is expected at the next Central Committee meeting, possibly in May or June.

He clearly is the most powerful figure in China's collective leadership. Mr. Deng eclipsed nominal party Chairman Hua at a state funeral April 11. Mr. Hua was relegated to an insignificant and silent role in the party hierarchy. He is expected to resign when the Central Committee meets and he could be named a party vice chairman. Some sources, however, doubt whether he can muster the votes. Party General Secretary Hu Yaobang, an old ally of Mr. Deng's, is expected to be named chairman.

Suzuki pressured not to boost military spending

TOKYO, April 22 (R) — Japanese opposition leaders today pressed Prime Minister Zenko Suzuki to reject U.S. calls for Japan to increase its role in Asian security and boost military spending.

But Mr. Suzuki and Defence Minister Joji Omura made clear in separate speeches that Japan, in response to U.S. pressure, would complete a military buildup programme by 1987.

The pressure on Mr. Suzuki to reject U.S. pressure came in meeting with leaders of two major opposition parties. This discussed his trip to Washington to meet President Ronald Reagan in early May.

Mr. Ichio Asukata, chairman of the Japanese Socialist Party, the main opposition in parliament, said Japan should not increase its role in Asian security. And Mr. Yoshikatsu Takeiro, chairman of the Komeito (clean government) Party, said it must not exceed its customary limit on defence spending of one per cent of gross national product. Expenditure now is 0.91 per cent.

The Reagan administration has already made clear that it wants Japan to do more to defend itself. Mr. Suzuki has repeatedly suppressed calls for substantial rearmament from the right wing of the ruling Liberal Democratic

Radiation leak probe

Meanwhile, Japanese officials today checked radiation detection cards carried by 56 workers exposed last month to radioactive waste water at a faulty nuclear power plant.

The investigators also collected other data from the Japan Atomic Power Company, which owns the plant, to verify levels of radiation received by the workers when they cleaned up the radioactive waste. The company, which failed to report the leak as required by Japanese laws, has said the workers were exposed only to harmless amounts of radiation. The government has opened an investigation into operations at the plant, which has since been closed, at Tsuruga on the Sea of Japan.

THE Weekend Crossword

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COURTLY TERMS By A.J. Santora. A crossword puzzle grid with clues for 1-37 Down and 1-37 Across. Clues include: 1. Quite —, 2. Located —, 3. Spoken —, 4. Stopped —, 5. Hanging —, 6. Babyfaced —, 7. end —, 8. Pain —, 9. Ball town —, 10. Shift —, 11. responsibility —, 12. Pain —, 13. Team leader —, 14. Pain —, 15. Pain —, 16. Pain —, 17. Pain —, 18. Pain —, 19. Pain —, 20. Pain —, 21. Pain —, 22. Pain —, 23. Pain —, 24. Pain —, 25. Pain —, 26. Pain —, 27. Pain —, 28. Pain —, 29. Pain —, 30. Pain —, 31. Pain —, 32. Pain —, 33. Pain —, 34. Pain —, 35. Pain —, 36. Pain —, 37. Pain —.

Diagramless 19 X 19 by Adam Christopher. A crossword puzzle grid with clues for 1-37 Down and 1-37 Across. Clues include: 1. Park or —, 2. Wheel —, 3. Wild pig —, 4. Smart —, 5. Slits —, 6. Elm and oak —, 7. Having —, 8. Officer who —, 9. 22 Sunbeam —, 10. Bohemian —, 11. 25 Legend —, 12. Startle —, 13. Go wrong —, 14. High string —, 15. Luna —, 16. Loco —, 17. Smeeth —, 18. for short —, 19. Birth of a —, 20. 36 islets —, 21. Fragrant —, 22. Bohemian —, 23. Enthralled —, 24. Form —, 25. Picture —, 26. Curis —, 27. Bay window —, 28. Twisted —, 29. comb. form —, 30. Judicial —, 31. Of the Chi —, 32. Paradise —, 33. Land —, 34. GWTW —, 35. Ma Oberon —, 36. Molnes —, 37. Picture —, 38. Curis —, 39. Bay window —, 40. Twisted —, 41. comb. form —, 42. Judicial —, 43. Of the Chi —, 44. Paradise —, 45. Land —, 46. GWTW —, 47. Additional —, 48. Colors —, 49. Laughing —, 50. Furze —, 51. Easily —, 52. Discarded —, 53. Ragamuffin —, 54. Tender —, 55. Curis and —, 56. Martin —, 57. Go under —, 58. Carlo —, 59. Make cakes —, 60. Make —, 61. Unclose —, 62. Audit men —, 63. Lien sound —, 64. Frithch —, 65. decrease —, 66. Philosopher —, 67. Bangson —, 68. Make —, 69. Amends —, 70. Orain —, 71. Crown —, 72. 121 tin auto —, 73. Navy worker —, 74. 138 Ring —, 75. 129 la coverly —, 76. 132 Big top —, 77. 130 Domino —, 78. 131 Season —, 79. 133 Merriment —, 80. Ascend —, 81. Soak in —, 82. liquid —, 83. Obliterate —, 84. Lustrous —, 85. Tin-lead —, 86. alloy —, 87. Route —, 88. Ascend —, 89. Soak in —, 90. liquid —, 91. Obliterate —, 92. Lustrous —, 93. Tin-lead —, 94. alloy —, 95. Route —.

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2. WXVVL AQNUDQTRI PL ECOBN PRWENR NUQR CTL IXIOQ RNUARN? —By E.L. Livingston
3. HJJY HJELEJ XLEXY LEX HJE. EJJ. —By Earl Ireland
4. SIN OGCNEK ALTU ANTS AMEN-OU-CEMWSLYN KNEWLY SL CN WOKK IRKSNEMO. —By Mark Grafton

Last Week's Cryptograms

- 1. It is not unusual for a late supper staffer to suffer a little.
2. Blinking, tone-deaf journalist composed upbeat piece for jazz magazine.
3. Up the baseboard, spider! A "wabster" without words!
4. Sensible seamstress sewed fine bows for fairly sultry summer days.

